

**ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates generally to novel  
hydantoin derivative compounds, pharmaceutical  
5 compositions containing such compounds, and methods for  
their use in preventing and/or treating neurological  
disorders, including physically damaged nerves and  
neurodegenerative diseases; for treating alopecia and  
promoting hair growth; for treating vision disorders  
10 and/or improving vision; for treating memory impairment  
and/or enhancing memory performance; and for treating  
sensorineural hearing loss by administering such  
compounds.